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<p align="center"><b>Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal</b></p> <p>Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).</p>	Application Number	08/873,597
	Filing Date	June 12, 1997
	First Named Inventor	KAYYEM
	Group Art Unit	1645
	Examiner Name	J. Taylor Cleveland
	Attorney Docket Number	A-64558-1/RFT/RMS/RMK

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1.  Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114a.  Previously submittedi.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on APR 15 2002  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on TECH CENTER 1600/2900b.  Enclosedi.  Amendmentii.  Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and Statement of Relatednessiii.  PTO 1449 IDS Form - 8 Sheetsiv.  106 IDS References2.  Miscellaneousa.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)3.  Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 06-1300 (order no. A-64558-1/RFT/RMS/RMK)i.  RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)ii.  Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Check in the amount of \$ 740.00 is enclosedc.  Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosedd.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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